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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on September 8, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Supplemental European Search Report dated September 25, 2007 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04820250.1-2310, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0165616;
- (2) International Publication No. WO 00/71178 A1, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,905,516;
- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 107 476 A2;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,645,596; and
- (5) International Publication No. WO 96/39202 A1.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplemental European Search Report.

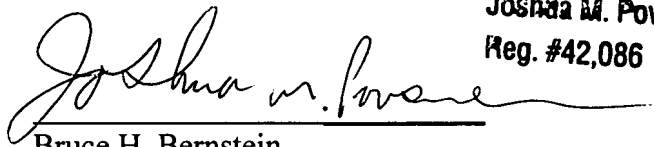
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplemental European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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